

Repentance, In Exchange for Forgiveness

- **2 Peter 3:9** *“The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”*

1. Manasseh was evil

- **2 Chronicles 33:1-2** *“Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years. ² He did evil in the eyes of the Lord, following the detestable practices of the nations the Lord had driven out before the Israelites.”*
- **2 Chronicles 33:3-5** *“³ He rebuilt the high places his father Hezekiah had demolished; he also erected altars to the Baals and made Asherah poles. He bowed down to all the starry hosts and worshiped them. ⁴ He built altars in the temple of the Lord, of which the Lord had said, “My Name will remain in Jerusalem forever.” ⁵ In both courts of the temple of the Lord, he built altars to all the starry hosts.”*
- **2 Chronicles 33:6-7** *“⁶ He sacrificed his children in the fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, practiced divination and witchcraft, sought omens, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the Lord, arousing His anger.”*
- **Psalms 145:8 says:** *“The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.”*

- **2 Chronicles 33:9** ⁹ *But Manasseh led Judah and the people of Jerusalem astray, so that they did more evil than the nations the Lord had destroyed before the Israelites.”*

2. Manasseh was confronted and later Humbled

- **2 Chronicles 33:10** ¹⁰ *The Lord spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they paid no attention.”*
- **2 Chronicles 33:11** ¹¹ *So the Lord brought against them the army commanders of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh prisoner, put a hook in his nose, bound him with bronze shackles and took him to Babylon.”*
- **2 Chronicles 33:12** ¹² *In his distress he sought the favor of the Lord his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his ancestors. ¹³ And when he prayed to him, the Lord was moved by his entreaty and listened to his plea; so, He brought him back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord is God.”*

When was the last time you were truly humbled by the Lord?

3. Manasseh repented and turned from his wickedness

- **2 Chronicles 33:15-17** ¹⁵ *He got rid of the foreign gods and removed the image from the temple of the LORD, as well as all the altars he had built on the temple hill and in Jerusalem; and he threw them out of the city. ¹⁶ Then he restored the altar of the LORD and sacrificed fellowship offerings and thank offerings on it, and told Judah to serve*

the LORD, the God of Israel. ¹⁷ The people, however, continued to sacrifice at the high places, but only to the LORD their God.”

Conclusion:

I stated this verse at the beginning!

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- **Matthew 1:10** *“Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah.”*

What can you submit to the great physician today like Manasseh did?

This sanctuary is the hospital. Let’s have a conversation with the great physician.